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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, Applicant respectfully requests that a citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO 1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

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The attached PTO 1449 form lists related art references for the above identified application.

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AA and AL were cited during the prosecution of the priority application. Reference AA is in the English language, so no further commentary on its teaching is required. Reference AL is a German patent document. A Derwent English-language translation of the abstract has been provided, and a full translation

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